

The Honorable Benjamin H. Settle

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

JEFFREY REICHERT and GARY MOYER,
both individually and on behalf of all
others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

KEEFE COMMISSARY NETWORK, L.L.C.
d/b/a ACCESS CORRECTIONS; RAPID
INVESTMENTS, INC., d/b/a RAPID
FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS, d/b/a ACCESS
FREEDOM; and CACHE VALLEY BANK,

Defendants.

NO. 3:17-cv-05848-BHS

ORDER APPROVING ADDITIONAL
CY PRES AWARD

**Note on Motion Calendar:
September 4, 2024**

1. Plaintiff has brought a motion presenting class counsel's recommendation for distribution of funds remaining in the settlement fund created by the settlement between the Washington subclass and Defendant Keefe Commissary Network, LLC. Counsel recommends the amount remaining in the Keefe settlement fund of approximately \$185,000 be distributed to Columbia Legal Services ("CLS") as a *cy pres* award.

2. The Court has reviewed the submission from class counsel regarding its rationale and basis for recommending this distribution. The Court has also reviewed the submission from CLS, attached as Exhibits 1 and 2 to the Declaration of Chris R. Youtz.

3. The Court finds that the proposed *cy pres* award to CLS is appropriate. There is an appropriate nexus between the work and advocacy performed by CLS to the central issues in this litigation, including contesting profiteering operations by private companies that take advantage of inmates and their families. The Court finds that awarding these funds to CLS will benefit members of the Washington subclass in this action.

4. Class counsel is directed to transfer the amount remaining in the Keefe settlement fund to Columbia Legal Services of approximately \$185,000.

Dated: September 4th, 2024.


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BENJAMIN H. SETTLE
United States District Judge

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